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Request for H.B. 6998: AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND

Government Administration and Elections Committee

March 16, 2015

Dear Chairmen, Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, Vice Chairs, Senator Gerratana, Representative Steinberg, Ranking Members, Senator McLachlan, Representative Smith, .

Fairfield's delegation has been working with the town on requests for parcels adjacent to Fairfield Metro Station for months and believed the conveyance forms the town provided to us were for those parcels. We were all surprised when we realized the conveyance requests were entirely different and for parcels none of us have ever discussed.

On Saturday, I spoke to Edward Jones, Open Space Manager for the Town of Fairfield's conservation Department and he had spoken to Tom Steinke, our retired Conservation Director concerning this matter. In the spring of 2014 Tom had a very preliminary discussion with the DEEP concerning the possible conveyance of these parcels to the town; these parcels are contiguous with the town's Hoyden's Hill Open Space Area and Brett Woods Open Space Area. Mr. Jones said, these discussion were preliminary with no commitments made and being verbal were not set down in writing; in hindsight perhaps they should have been a memo to the file before sending them to Fairfield's delegation.

Since the requested property conveyance has not been properly reviewed by the DEEP in consultation with the Nature Conservancy, I would respectfully ask that the request (Sec. 8) be removed from the proposed bill.

I apologize for the miscommunication and inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Brenda Kupchick
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